**Spotlight on Trident** 

Lancaster

Richland

Orangeburg

Dorchester

Coheton

Dillon

Williamsburg

**Berkeley** 

Charleston

Horry

York

Chester

Lexington

Allendale

Hampton

Jasper

Newberry

Aiken

Edgefield

Foinfield

# Location & Climate

Located in the southeastern area of the state, the Trident WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester. This area experiences average temperatures in the low to mid 60s and has 49.36 to 50.7 inches of precipitation annually.

### **Labor Force**

The labor force in the Trident area reached 281,020 in 2002. The Trident WIA counties had unemployment rates spanning from 3.7% to 4.2% in 2002, showing an increase since 2001.

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# WIA Unemployment Rate by County 6 4 2 0 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 Berkeley Charleston Dorchester

### **Population**

**Total area population2001:**555,631 **Male:** 49.1% **Female:** 50.9% **White:** 65.1% **Nonwhite:** 34.9%

### **Employment**

Average monthly employment for counties across the Trident WIA ranged from 48,050 in Dorchester County to 156,520 in Charleston County.

## **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Trident WIA reached a total of \$33,872,381.

### Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Trident WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$19,159 to \$29,688; between 77% and 120% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.